

# THE AUSTIN ENDOWMENT FOR STUDENT TRAVEL DONOR UPDATE

## FALL 2019



In the past year, AGU members and donors have shown their commitment to the future of AGU's Student Travel Grant program by supporting the Austin Endowment for Student Travel. When we reach the \$1 million goal in December, the matched Endowment will allow an additional 90+ students to receive support to attend AGU's Fall Meeting every year.

Donors like you have already given enough to fund nearly 40 of those students and the number continues to grow. Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to the Austin Student Travel Grant Challenge through your generous gift.

### Many Members, One Goal

When long-time member and volunteer-leader, Jamie Austin, offered this Challenge in late 2018, he set a goal to not only raise funds in support of students traveling to their first major scientific meeting, but to gather the AGU Community together around a common cause and create a forward-looking legacy for the next 100 years.

Recently Dr. Austin shared how excited he is by the progress AGU donors have created so far—2,557 donors supporting one purpose is no small achievement—and he is doubly excited by the efforts being undertaken this Fall as we draw closer to the 31 December campaign deadline.

- **Peer-to-peer fundraising continues.** AGU member volunteers continue to work side-by-side to raise the funding necessary to meet the \$1 million match. Members are reaching out to their peers and sharing their stories demonstrating the importance of students sharing their work at Fall Meeting in AGU publications and on social media. You can too by using #AGU100 in your posts.
- **\$100 for 100 Campaign launch.** Sections are working together to engage their memberships in raising 100 Austin Endowment gifts of \$100 or more in honor of the Centennial. Help your primary Section meet this goal while contributing to an important cause and advancing your Section's standing in the 2019 Section Incentive Program.
- **Student and Early Career Engagement.** Student and Early Career members are raising their voices and working together to show their own support of the Austin Challenge through the Give 10 Challenge 10 campaign. #Give10Challenge10 encourages SEC members to make a \$10 gift and challenge 10 others to do the same—spreading news of the Austin Challenge beyond the AGU Community. Join them by texting AUSTIN to 20222 to donate \$10 (data and message rates may apply).

### Austin Challenge Events at the Fall Meeting 2019

Help celebrate the past and inspire the future at Fall Meeting by joining us at these donor events:

- **2019 Student Travel Grant Donor Appreciation Luncheon.** Get to know 2019 travel grant recipients and celebrate the Austin Challenge during this annual tradition.
- **Austin Challenge Kiosks and AGU Central.** Meet travel grant recipients throughout the Moscone Center to hear first-hand about the impact you've made.
- **Donor Fast Lane.** Pick up your Austin Challenge donor ribbon and pin at the Donor Fast Lane in the Registration Hall. Pre-registered attendees can also pick up their meeting materials and badge holder.

Keep an eye out for details on these and other donor events at Fall Meeting in upcoming Impact Newsletters. Contact [development@agu.org](mailto:development@agu.org) for more information.

### You Can Continue to Help

As we approach Fall Meeting 2019, we again see the increasing need for student travel grants. This year, AGU received well over 1900 applications – up nearly 60% from Fall Meeting 2018. This year's recipients are being notified soon. They will begin their journey to what will certainly be one of the most transformative experiences of their careers. Your commitment to the Student Travel Grant program will make a profound impact in these students' lives and a profound impact on the future of science as we strive for a more diverse and equitable scientific community.

Please continue to convey your passion for supporting the next generation of Earth and space scientists by sharing information about the Austin Challenge across your networks. Use this link to read more on the Challenge and share with others: <https://www.agu.org/austin>.

# Austin Student Travel Grant Challenge

## By the Numbers



**72  
Donations  
Over  
\$1,000**

**\$402,531  
Raised**

**2,615  
Donors**

**Nearly 40  
Additional  
Students  
Supported**

**\*As of 14 September 2019**

Thanks to your continued generosity,  
the Austin Student Travel Grant Challenge  
will bring AGU closer to the overall goal  
of supporting any student who wants to  
attend the Fall Meeting and has need.

Thank you for your support!  
**[agu.org/austin-challenge](https://agu.org/austin-challenge)**

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